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TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS IS UNDERWAY *Citizen Input Vital to Shaping Town's Future: Next Public Meeting Scheduled for May 16*

Herndon, VA (May 4, 2007) – The Planning Commission of the Town of Herndon has begun the process of creating a new Comprehensive Plan that will significantly impact land use, housing, transportation and the environment for the Town over the next quarter century, and citizen input is vital to the planning process, according to commissioners.

Issues to be discussed at the next public meeting, scheduled for **Wednesday, May 16, at 7pm in the Council Chambers at 765 Lynn Street**, include goals and objectives for Heritage Herndon, downtown land use and public shared parking. Additional meetings will be held in June and July; following these meetings, a draft plan will be produced by September 2007 for Planning Commission consideration. A final draft plan for presentation at public hearings is slated for completion by December 2007.

“Citizens who have participated in the public meetings thus far have generated lively and far-reaching discussions about our town and its future,” said Mayor Steve DeBenedittis. “I encourage all citizens to join in the process by attending the next meeting on May 16.”

Information on the Comprehensive Plan process is available on the Town's website, www.herndon-va.gov, on the “What's New” page. The Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map

and a Background Report for the 2030 Comprehensive Plan are posted in “Town Services” – click on the Community Development page and scroll to Comprehensive Planning Related Links.

To provide comments or for more information, contact Dana Heiberg or Michelle O’Hare at 703/787-7380 or via email at CompPlan@herndon-va.gov.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the “best affordable suburbs” in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

For more information, visit the Town’s website at www.herndon-va.gov.

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